

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-8. (Previously Cancelled)

9. (Previously Amended) A headrest assembly for connecting a headrest with respect to a seat frame of a vehicle, the headrest assembly comprising:

a headrest guide having two, generally cylindrical sleeves, each of said sleeves forming a channel, the headrest guide being formed with the two cylindrical sleeves as a single, integrally molded, unitary component and the two sleeves being rigidly interconnected to each other adjacent upper and lower ends of said sleeves in a fixed parallel relationship with respect to one another by a plurality of rigid struts extending between the two sleeves so that the channel of each of said sleeves is parallel with the other;

a headrest insert; and

two generally parallel rods, each of said rods fixed at one end with respect to the headrest insert and slidable at an opposite end with respect to one channel in the headrest guide.

10. (Previously Cancelled)

11. (Original) The headrest assembly of Claim 9 wherein the headrest guide is connected with respect to a seat frame of a vehicle.

12. (Previously Cancelled)

13. (Original) The headrest insert of Claim 9 wherein the headrest insert tapers from each outer end toward a center portion.

14-20. (Previously Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) ~~The headrest assembly of Claim 21~~ A headrest assembly for connecting a headrest to a seat frame, the headrest assembly comprising:
a headrest guide attached to the seat frame and being formed with two generally cylindrical sleeves as a single, unitary molded component, said sleeves being rigidly interconnected to each other adjacent upper and lower ends of said sleeves in a fixed parallel relationship with one another by a plurality of rigid struts extending between the two sleeves, and each of said sleeves forming a channel wherein a centerline for each channel is parallel with respect to one another; and
a headrest insert having two generally parallel rods, each of said rods fixed at one end with respect to the headrest and slidable at an opposite end with respect to one channel in the headrest guide, wherein each of the two sleeves further includes at least one retaining clip positioned with respect to an outer surface of the sleeve.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The headrest assembly of Claim 21~~ A headrest assembly for connecting a headrest to a seat frame, the headrest assembly comprising:
a headrest guide attached to the seat frame and being formed with two generally cylindrical sleeves as a single, unitary molded component, said sleeves being rigidly interconnected to each other adjacent upper and lower ends of said sleeves in a fixed parallel relationship with one another by a plurality of rigid struts extending between the two sleeves, and each of said sleeves forming a channel wherein a centerline for each channel is parallel with respect to one another; and
a headrest insert having two generally parallel rods, each of said rods fixed at one end with respect to the headrest and slidable at an opposite end with respect to one channel in the headrest guide, wherein each of the two sleeves further comprises a receptacle positioned within a top portion of the sleeves, the receptacle for engaging a headrest cap.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~The headrest guide of Claim 21~~ 23 wherein the headrest guide is connected to a guide frame that is further positioned within the seat frame.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The headrest assembly of claim 22~~ A headrest assembly for connecting a headrest to a seat frame, the headrest assembly comprising:

a headrest guide attached to the seat frame and forming a unitary molded component having two sleeves, a plurality of rigid struts extending between the two sleeves, each of said sleeves forming a channel wherein a centerline for each channel is parallel with respect to one another; and

a headrest insert having two generally parallel rods, each of said rods fixed at one end with respect to the headrest insert and slidable at an opposite end with respect to one channel in the headrest guide, wherein the plurality of rigid struts comprise:

a first horizontal strut positioned between a respective upper region of each of the two sleeves;

a second horizontal strut positioned between a respective lower region of each of the two sleeves; and

two diagonal struts positioned between the upper region and the lower region of each of the two sleeves.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The headrest guide of Claim 22~~ A headrest assembly for connecting a headrest to a seat frame, the headrest assembly comprising:

a headrest guide attached to the seat frame and forming a unitary molded component having two sleeves, a plurality of rigid struts extending between the two sleeves, each of said sleeves forming a channel wherein a centerline for each channel is parallel with respect to one another; and

a headrest insert having two generally parallel rods, each of said rods fixed at one end with respect to the headrest insert and slidable at an opposite end with respect to one channel in the headrest guide, wherein the plurality of rigid struts are integrally molded with respect to the two sleeves.

28. (New) The headrest guide of Claim 24 wherein the headrest guide is connected to a guide frame that is further positioned within the seat frame.